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Athletic Hall of Fame to Induct Three Honorees

Potomac State will induct three alumni into the Athletic Hall of Fame during the banquet on Saturday, April 24. The event will be held in the Davis Conference Center. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the honorees listed below, the College's current sophomore athletes and outstanding female and male athletes will also be recognized. Reservations are required by contacting Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870, 800-262-7332 or lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu by April 16.



Thomas Dixon

Thomas Dixon played basketball at the College from 1971 – 1973. He averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds the first two games of his freshman year. Unfortunately, Tom broke his ankle in the

third game; however, he received another year of eligibility and continued with an average of 17 points and 12 rebounds per game. Tom was also named to the Region XX All-Star squad in 1972 – 1973.

In addition to teaching physical education, Tom serves as head coach of varsity basketball at John Handley High School in Winchester, Va. He possesses a record of 344 wins and 200 losses during his 23 years at the helm.



Bryan Golden

Bryan Golden attended Potomac State from 1998 – 2000. He was on the baseball team that won the 2000 Region XX Championship and advanced to the Eastern District Finals Champ-

ionship Game, coming within one game of reaching the JUCO World Series. Bryan boasted impressive stats during the two seasons he was at Potomac State with a batting average of .373, 14 home runs, 67 RBIs, 78 runs and 52 walks. He and his parents were instrumental in the planning and construction of 'Golden Park' (his namesake), which opened in March 2002. Bryan was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 1999. Bryan currently serves as vice president of Womex Inc., yet makes time to work with youngsters in baseball clinics.



Erin (Furey) McKenzie

Erin McKenzie attended the College from 1997 – 1999. During that time she broke several records as a member of the women's basketball team: most three-point goals in a career (105), most

three-point goals in a season (54), first two-time captain in the College's history, and most assists in a season with 45. Erin was the only player to be ranked in the top 10 in three separate categories at one time: first in the nation with three-point field goals, fourth in free-throw percentage and ninth in assists per game. Erin currently teaches third grade at Frost Elementary and serves as head coach of the Frankfort High School varsity girls basketball team.

You are the Shining Star ~ by Liz Beavers, Mineral Daily News-Tribune



Campus Provost Kerry Odell (far right) introduces PSC Student Government Association Officers to WVU President James Clements (second from left) during his visit to Potomac State's campus. Students pictured from left are Kona Attoh, Leah Vance, Khryshian Rosier, and Drew Brubaker.

Calling Potomac State College "a campus that does a really great job," West Virginia University President James Clements pledged to work with the College to build on its strengths in order to help it become even more successful at educating its students.

"Your students are very successful students; the students are educated very, very well," he said, noting that Potomac State students who transfer on to WVU are among the most successful students at the University.

Clements, along with Provost Michele G. Wheatly and Associate Provosts Elizabeth Dooley and Russ Dean, visited Potomac State College in the fall, taking a tour of the facilities, meeting with faculty, staff and students, and

speaking briefly at a reception attended by College personnel as well as members of the community.

Clements himself told the group he has "bragged about Potomac State often" since taking the helm of the University. "My view is that we're all part of the family," he said of Potomac State and other satellite campuses. "And you all are the shining star among the family."

Noting that Odell "was not shy" in expressing the local College's need for more resources, more classroom space, and updated technology, Clements pledged to help Potomac State get the resources it needs.

Gary Parish Elected President of Alumni Association



The Alumni Association at Potomac State elected Gary Parish as the incoming President for 2009-2010. Gary, who has been active with the Alumni Association for the past five years, had this to say, "I am humbled and honored at being voted president. It is my hope that alumni will volunteer their time and/or contribute to alumni events in some way."

After graduating from Potomac State, Gary earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Frostburg State University (FSU). He completed graduate work in counseling at WVU and then returned to FSU where he earned a master's degree in education.

Gary has worked as a state parole officer with the WV Division of Corrections and serves as regional supervisor for six counties in the Eastern Panhandle. He is also chief engineer at the Keyser Volunteer Fire Department where he has served for 32 years.

Awarding Alumni Achievement



Charles Ball (second from left) was recognized for his achievements in business and project management, while Jeffrey Kessel, (second from right) was recognized for his achievements as a multistate tax partner during Homecoming festivities in the fall. Campus Provost Kerry Odell (left) and PSC Alumni Association President Gary Parish presented the awards.

Establishing Marine Scholarship



The Mountainside Marines Detachment 1071 recently established a new scholarship which will provide assistance to U.S. citizens who are enrolled at the College as full-time or part-time students.

Crowning Royalty



Homecoming Royalty crowned in Fall 2009 includes: (l-r) Prince Jordan Pindell, Princess Danielle Farrish, the new updated Catamount mascot (Chelsea Kuykendall), King Demiah Edwards and Queen Stephanie Sites. Queen Stephanie will also serve as a princess during the Apple Blossom Festival this spring in Winchester, Va.

Experiencing Homelessness



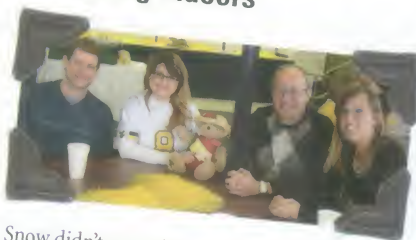
Student members of the College's Circle K Service Club, along with Faculty Advisor Jay Badenhop, Ph.D., spent a cold evening living outdoors to promote awareness of the homeless. The club also collected canned goods to donate to the Faith in Action Food Pantry.

Honoring Young Alumni



Amber Myers was honored with the "Young Alumni Award" during Homecoming for her exemplary work as a child care teacher in providing quality early care and education, which also earned her national recognition. The award was presented by Campus Provost Kerry Odell (left) and PSC Alumni Association President Gary Parish.

Tailgating Indoors



Snow didn't put a damper on this indoor tailgate party recently held at the College and hosted by the Alumni Association. (Pictured from left) Tony Francis, alumnus and member of the PSC Alumni Board; Michelle House, an Education Counselor in Student Support Services at the College; Steve Sluss, an attorney from Charleston, W.Va. and an alumnus who serves on the Alumni Board; and his daughter, Amanda, a recent graduate of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Celebrating the Mascot



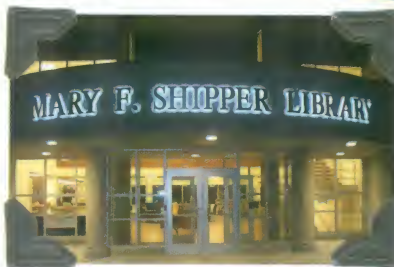
The new Catamount mascot costume worn by Chelsea Kuykendall (left), was unveiled during Homecoming activities. Joining in the celebration was current WVU Mountaineer Mascot Rebecca Durst. Also celebrating the 80th Year of the Cat was the retired Catamount mascot suit worn by Demiah Edwards. Photo by Raymond Burner.

Remembering the Titans



Former T.C. Williams High School football coach, Herman Boone, whose experiences were made famous by the movie "Remember the Titans," brought his inspiring and motivational message to the College this past October. The audience was captivated with Boone's presentation on respect, teamwork and community involvement.

Lighting the Way



Renovations to the main entrance of the Mary F. Shipper Library have been completed. The new entrance is especially inviting due to enhanced lighting and new lettering.

Batting a Thousand



Once a month, the PSC baseball team 'hits one over the fence' when the team volunteers its time to unload trucks of food for the Faith in Action Food Pantry in Keyser, W.Va.

Making MLK 'Day On'



Students observed Martin Luther King 'Day On' by volunteering their time in service to the Burlington Children's Home in Burlington, W.Va.

Recognizing Distinguished Service



Patricia Harman of Grant County, W.Va., was awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" during the annual Homecoming banquet for her diligent support of the College. Making the presentation was Campus Provost Kerry Odell (left) and President of the PSC Alumni Association Gary Parish.

Reacquainting Retirees



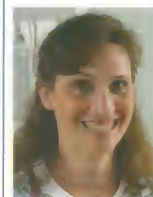
(Pictured from left) Oscar Gustafson, professor emeritus of agriculture; Campus Provost Kerry Odell; Wayman "Sonny" Hoalcraft, former farm manager; and Helen Hoalcraft, former plant technician; enjoyed a nice visit with former and current employees of the College at the fourth annual Retirees Luncheon.

Spreading Christmas Spirit



The women's basketball team delivered complete holiday meals donated by Bob Evans Restaurant of LaVale, Md. to five families in the Keyser community.

New Alumni Board Appointments



Lois Hartman, a 2001 graduate of Potomac State and lifetime resident of Mineral County, W.Va., says she is thrilled to serve her alma mater. Lois currently works as a family nurse practitioner for Potomac Valley Hospital at Riverside Clinic in Piedmont, W.Va. Lois earned both her bachelor of science in nursing and her master's of science in nursing from West Virginia University.



William Knott is a 1964 graduate of Potomac State. He is also a graduate of Fairmont State University where he earned his bachelor's degree. Bill retired from Verizon Telephone with 28 years of service as a manager in fiber optics and public relations. Bill is active with the Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Ali Ghan Shrine Club. He has also served as past president of the Jaycees and Kiwanis Clubs.



Margaret Vorous, a graduate of the Class of 1967 who has served two previous terms, was recently appointed to serve a third term on the Alumni Board. Marge earned both her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in education from James Madison University. She earned a second master's degree in library science/media services from East Tennessee State University. She serves as an active volunteer at Shenandoah Health Village Center.



Agricultural Scientist to be added to Scholars' Wall

Keith Inskeep will be recognized during the 'Weekend of Honors' with a special ceremony, as his name is inscribed on the Duke Anthony Whitmore/Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement Wall.

After graduating from Potomac State in 1957, Inskeep earned his bachelor's degree in dairy science from WVU and both his master's degree in genetics and Ph.D. in endocrinology from the University of Wisconsin.

Inskeep has chaired the interdisciplinary graduate program in reproductive physiology at WVU since 1965, becoming a full professor in 1974. He is the recipient of numerous awards, has traveled to 15 countries for his work and has been published in more than 175 journals and/or publications. Inskeep was also honored in 2006 with the College's Alumni Achievement Award.



Make A Difference In The Lives That Follow

Each semester, as students arrive for their classes at Potomac State College of WVU, the faculty and staff feel the excitement of what it's like to face the challenges of finding the right direction in life through educational choices.

Those who want to assure that Potomac State can continue to offer those meaningful classes and degree programs have a number of ways to do so, including current support. Also, one option that many choose is to include a gift provision in their will or trust stating: "to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of Potomac State College of WVU."

That support can create an endowed academic scholarship (requiring a gift of \$25,000 or more), faculty development funds, library or technology funds, or unrestricted program support. Many at Potomac State will benefit.

Other directions for support include a gift that pays retirement income to you (minimum gift of \$25,000), listing the Foundation as the after-death beneficiary of a retirement asset account and signing an agreement about how the funds will be used at Potomac State, donating a life insurance policy, or gifting the rights to future use of real estate while retaining lifetime use rights.

Everyone knows that Potomac State is a hands-on college. More hands helping to make educational growth possible is a wonderful thing.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to WVU Foundation/PSC and note on the memo line where you would like to direct your gift. If you would like to donate online, go to https://www.mountaineerconnection.com/potomac_state. If you have any questions, contact Libby Nichols, Alumni/Development Associate at 304-788-6870 or lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu.

P.S. We thank all of you who made this issue of the alumni newsletter possible through your generous donations. We are able to share the good news of Potomac State to nearly 15,000 alumni and friends of the College. The cost of each mailing is approximately \$6,000. Our checking account is running low, so we are challenging each of you to consider donating just \$1 to the PSC Alumni Association. Use the enclosed envelope and help us keep you informed.

Potomac State Continues Record-Breaking Enrollment for Spring Semester

By Rene Trezise, Director of Marketing and Communications

The trend is continuing as Potomac State College is experiencing its best spring enrollment in history. There are 1,604 students attending classes this spring which equates to a 15 percent increase or 212 more students compared to this time a year ago.

This past fall, Potomac State announced its best enrollment in the history of the College with 1,810 students reflecting a 14 percent increase over the 2008 fall enrollment.

The College experienced an increase this spring in the number of returning freshmen and sophomores from the Fall 2009 semester at the rate of 22 and 25 percent, respectively.

Beth Little, Director of Enrollment Services, believes there are two key factors contributing to Potomac State's enrollment growth – the economy and the College's affordable tuition. "Students are realizing not only is this a good time to be in school but it's also a good time to stay in school. It's a competitive job market out there and now more than ever education is a determining factor between job applicants," said Little.

Weekend of Honors Activities

- Saturday, April 24
State 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
PSC Baseball Game
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
- Sunday, April 25
Scholars' Wall Recognition
Recognition Day
Sigma Phi Omega Banquet

**For a full schedule of events visit us at
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Click on the Weekend of Honors Banner**